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CLAIMS

1. A passenger check-in and monitoring system comprising a memory device associated with an item carried by an airport user or staff member, said device containing all appropriate information relating to the airport user or member of staff, a data storage device containing information relating to all airport users and members of staff and a plurality of transmitter devices operable to allow exchange of information between said memory device and said data storage device.
2. A system according to Claim 1 wherein the memory device comprises an electronic tag.
3. A system according to Claim 2 wherein the electronic tag comprises a radio frequency tag.
4. A system according to any one of Claims 1 to 3 wherein the memory device is formed as an integral part of a passenger travel ticket.
5. A system according to any one of Claims 1 to 3 wherein the memory device is formed as an integral part of a passenger boarding card.
6. A system according to any one of Claims 1 to 3 wherein the memory device is formed as an integral part of a airport staff identity badge.
7. A system according to any of the Claims 1 to 3 wherein the memory device is formed as an integral part of a personal identity item carried by an airport user or member of staff.
8. A system according to any one of Claims 1 to 7 wherein data is stored in said memory device in digital form.
9. A system according to any one of Claims 1 to 8 wherein the data storage device comprises a microprocessor based system or computer system upon which data related to all available flights and details of passengers booked to travel on such flights is stored.